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City Seeks Volunteers to Serve on Board of Equalization

FALLS CHURCH, VA. – The City of Falls Church is calling out to its residents who have an interest in City real estate values to serve as members of the Board of Equalization.

The Board of Equalization (BOE) hears appeals by property owners who believe that their real estate tax assessment is inaccurate or out-of-line with comparable properties. The Board is empowered to adjust the assessed value in question according to principles of equalization.

The Board will begin its hearing schedule in early summer, and will meet bi-weekly through the fall, or until all appeals have been heard.

Board Members are compensated at a rate established by the City Council. The Virginia Department of Taxation provides training for all Board members.

The BOE is one of the City's most important civic institutions, as it ensures fairness and equity in the City's real estate assessments. The ideal candidates for this important post will be familiar with commercial or residential real estate values from the perspective of an owner, broker or appraiser. The potential candidates should also have an interest in volunteering their time and knowledge for the benefit of fellow residents.

For more information on how you can apply to serve on the BOE, please contact Kathleen Clarken Buschow, City Clerk at 703-248-5014 or via e-mail at city-clerk@ci.falls-church.va.us.

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